

## CHAPTER 16

### **HOW TO INSPIRE A MAN**

#### I. DO YOU WANT TO BE MORE POPULAR WITH THE MEN IN THE RIGHT WAY AND HAVE MORE DATES?

- A) Choose the right husband when the time comes for marriage?
- B) Do you really know what turns a man on and inspires him?

#### II. THE ANSWER IS FOUND IN THE CONCEPT OR PURPOSE GOD HAD IN MIND WHEN HE CREATED EVE.

#### III. NOTICE THE STORY AGAIN

- A) Gen. 2:7-8; 18-24: "Creation of Eve..."
- B) Note this distinction:
  - 1) The man being alone was incomplete.
  - 2) God created the woman to complete him.
- C) And what was her assigned role?
  - 1) To be his helper.
  - 2) Gen. 2:18: "I will make an help meet for him."

#### IV. UNDERSTAND THIS POINT.

- A) Being a man's helper does not mean being his slave, merely doing physical labor — or SERVING.
- B) Being a help meet means rounding out the man — completing him — being his supplement.
- C) Gen. 2:23-24: One flesh
  - 1) Suit — coat and pants.
  - 2) Two balances on the scale.
  - 3) It takes a man and woman to make a UNION.
  - 4) God has all these characteristics.

#### V. HOW HUSBAND AND WIFE ARE EQUAL —

- A) He plays his role.
- B) She plays hers.

#### VI. BEING A HELP MEET INVOLVES TWO BROAD ROLES.

- A) Rendering physical service.
- B) Providing mental and emotional needs.

#### VII. WOMEN'S LIB AND THE TREND TOWARD DEGENERACY.

- A) Going contrary to God's purpose.
- B) Unisex

#### VIII. HERE'S HOW TO RECAPTURE TRUE VALUES.

- A) Start thinking in terms of becoming a mature, balanced woman within the concept God intended.
- B) Remember that the essence of true womanhood is largely a matter of attitude.
  - 1) Toward God.
  - 2) Toward others.
  - 3) Toward the man.
  - 4) Toward yourself.
- C) START NOW!

**IX. SPECIFICS: THE THINGS THAT INSPIRE MEN.**

- 1) A lively personality tempered with humility.
  - a) Smile.
  - b) Quick to listen.
  - c) Showing interest and a mature enthusiasm in the other fellow's game in life.
  - d) Fun and humor — but be balanced.
  - e) Don't forget the "MEEK AND QUIET SPIRIT" principle.
- 2) A spontaneous desire to serve regardless of the person's position or status.
  - a) The other person's position.
  - b) Your own.
- 3) Appreciation.
  - a) Be aware of the little sacrifices people make for you, as well as the big.
  - b) Get into the habit of saying thank you with your heart — not just with your tongue.
- 4) Honor and respect.
  - a) Show this by action and attitude.
  - b) Tone of voice.
- 5) Outwardly praising a good quality or example in others.
  - a) Mean this sincerely.
  - b) Will encourage them.
  - c) Will build favor.
- 6) Recognizing effort and achievement.
  - a) This motivates a man.
  - b) Builds confidence.
- 7) Encouragement and building a right confidence in the man.
  - a) Point out his strengths.
  - b) Past accomplishments and successes.
- 8) Fit in with his interests and stand behind his plans.
  - a) Adapt — get in line.
  - b) Show enthusiasm.
  - c) Brainstorm for ideas to augment his.
- 9) Be strong when he is weak or has failed.
  - a) Let him know your faith in him and God has not failed nor has your respect diminished.
  - b) Give him new life and hope by helping to carry the banner with him — even in the face of defeat.
- 10) Be teachable and quick to change when wrong.
  - a) Without debate or argument.
  - b) Yet feel free to talk about it looking to him for help.
- 11) Intreat him when he is wrong with positive love, encouragement and patience.
  - a) Keep your cool.
  - b) Tell him you love him, respect him, then discuss the problem.
- 12) Learn to be discreet and avoid cynical blabbering.
  - a) Sounds cute.
  - b) But it breeds hard feelings and contempt.

**X. TWO FINAL POINTS.**

- 1) Try at all costs never to wound a man's ego or self-respect.
  - a) This destroys his spirit and
  - b) Shows an utter lack of wisdom.
  - c) There is a time to be firm with men who themselves lack wisdom or get too serious.
- 2) Don't rush courtship in choosing your man.
  - a) You will be drawn together in time.
  - b) God will provide the circumstance in helping you make the right choice.